

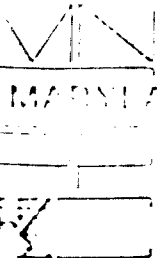
M: 35-14-07
Community Paint and Hardware
7250 Wisconsin Avenue (MD 355)
Bethesda

c. 1890

Probably the earliest commercial building left standing in the Bethesda Commercial District, and the only surviving structure truly reminiscent of the initial development of the area is Community Paint and Hardware. Thus, its importance to the present business district cannot be disputed. Its architectural detailing, with its decorative bracketed cornice, is reflective of the late Victorian styling which has not been found elsewhere in the district.

This building was originally the 1890s general store and post office of Alfred Wilson. It was Bethesda's only store in 1900 and then contained a post office, grocery counter, dry goods, hardware, and a fuel and feed supply. The building is now covered with stucco which was probably added during the early 20th century when it became a popular means of updating the look of buildings--especially commercial buildings. This, however, does not detract from the authentic appearance of this turn-of-the-century general store.

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M:35-14-7

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated October 1986

ACTION TAKEN

The purpose of this amendment is to designate the following sites, located within the Bethesda Central Business District, on the Master Plan.

M: 35/14-1	Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative
M: 35/14-2	Madonna of the Trails
M: 35/14-4	Bethesda Theater Complex
M: 35/14-5	Bethesda Post Office
M: 35/14-6	Wilson's Store & Post Office

(On all other notices from M-NCPPC
Wilson's Store & Post Office is
M: 35/14-7. This particular notice
must be in error.)

M: 35-14-7

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated December 9, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

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Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative

Madonna of the Trails

Bethesda Theater Complex

Bethesda Post Office

Wilson's Store & Post Office

(Community Paint and Hardware)



M:35-14-7

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 23, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO
THE MASTER PLAN FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
BETHESDA CBD/MULTIPLE RESOURCE/
THEMATIC HISTORIC DISTRICT

THURSDAY, September 26, 1985
at
7:30 P.M.

in the
Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland

The following resource which is also considered part of the district has already been designated on the Master Plan:

The Farm Women's Market #35/14-1
7155 Wisconsin Avenue (designated 9/79)

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resource presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Bethesda CBD Multiple Resource/Thematic Historic District #35/14 including:

1. Little Tavern #35/14-3
8100 Wisconsin Avenue
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(Cinema 'n Draft House)
7715-7723 Wisconsin Avenue
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7400 Wisconsin Avenue
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7250 Wisconsin Avenue
6. Tudor Style Shopping Complex #35/14-8
7003-7029 Wisconsin Avenue
7. C&P Telephone Company Building #35/14-9
6925 Wisconsin Avenue

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MEMORANDUM

December 9, 1985

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
John L. Menke, Director
Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
State Historic Preservation Office
Priscilla Schwab, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator MCB
Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Bethesda CBD Historic Sites

I am pleased to transmit to you this Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on the designation of individual sites in the Bethesda CBD.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
Attachment

optional method, it may be appropriate to identify preservation of these additional resources as potential amenities to the project if demonstrated to be in the overall public interest.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
35/14-5	Bethesda Post Office	7400 Wisconsin Avenue	13,211 sq.ft.

- Constructed in 1938 by the Sofarelli Brothers of Jamaica, New York, this single story, native stone building is neo-colonial in design and features a hipped roof with cupola and arched windows.
- One of a limited number of public buildings in the County constructed under the aegis of the Work Progress Administration (WPA). As a representative example of WPA construction, the building provides a physical link for the County with this important program and period in American history.
- This amendment recognizes that the Post Office, because of its scale, prominent location, and distinctive building material, has emerged as a landmark along Wisconsin Avenue. The site's importance as a public space will be further enhanced with the return of the Bethesda Madonna of the Trails. This amendment therefore designates the site's entire 13,211 sq. ft. parcel as the environmental setting.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
35/14-7	Wilson's Store & Post Office (Community Paint and Hardware)	7250 Wisconsin Avenue	22,039 sq.ft.

- Circa 1890--Two-story, stucco over clapboard, frame commercial structure with one-story glass enclosed, shed-roofed porch and street-oriented flat facade featuring bracketed, decorative cornice.
- Architecturally the epitome of the turn-of-the-century village store, Wilson's Store and Post Office, known today as Community Paint and Hardware is believed to be the first commercial structure in the CBD and the only remaining vestige of Bethesda 19th century commercial beginnings.

- The site is designated with the entire 22,039 sq. ft. parcel as the environmental setting. In the event of final development approval of the proposed standard method project pending on the site, the historic portion of the building may be relocated and restored, and the environmental setting may be redefined in accordance with the Historic Area Work Permit approved by the County's Historic Preservation Commission on the project.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Montgomery County Planning Board Staff

SUBJECT: Historic District Public Hearing

Attached is a notice of public hearing on the nomination of a historic district in your area which may be of interest to you. The notice provides the date, time, and location of the public hearing and also provides instructions on how to submit testimony for the record. Should you have any additional questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MR:ms
Attachment

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Chapter 24A and Chapter 33A of the Montgomery County Code, the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on the following:

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The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the architectural and historic significance of the Bethesda CBD according to criteria listed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

The Preservation Commission recommends that the properties listed above be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation as a "multiple resource/thematic" historic district with the individual buildings to be protected under the Historic Preservation Ordinance which provides certain controls regarding alteration, demolition, and maintenance of the property.

If not included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, these individual properties and the district, as currently delineated in the Locational Atlas, would no longer be subject to the provision of Chapter 24A-10, the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition. The district will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The Preliminary Draft Amendment is available for public inspection at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Regional Headquarters, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow all interested persons to express their views concerning this action. Persons wishing to testify should call 495-4600. If you are unable to attend, write your concerns to the Montgomery County Planning Board at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20907 and they will be made part of the public hearing record.

Thomas H. Countee, Jr.
Thomas H. Countee, Jr.
Executive Director

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